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1. IN VIEW OF THE REFERENCE IN PARA 14 OF REFTEL TO A
"LIST OF ALLEGED REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS OF 'AMERICANS'
IN VIETNAM BY REFUGEES," DEPARTMENT MAY BE INTERESTED
TO KNOW THAT IN A RECENT DISCUSSION WITH AN EMBOFF, A
WORKING LEVEL QUAI OFFICIAL WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR
VIETNAM EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THERE ARE STILL A
CERTAIN NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN VIETNAM. QUAI OFFICIAL
SPECIFIED THAT THESE WERE CLEARLY AMERICANS WHO "WANTED
TO BE IN VIETNAM" (E.G., DESERTERS, ETC.). QUAI
OFFICIAL MAINTAINED HIS VIEW UNDER QUESTIONING BY
EMBOFF. HE ADMITTED THAT NUMBER OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS
SHOULD NOT BE ENORMOUS, BUT THOUGHT IT WAS MORE THAN
JUST A FEW EXCEPTIONAL CASES.

2. COMMENT: THE QUAI OFFICIAL WHO MADE THESE RE-
MARKS TO US RECEIVES ALL THE REPORTING FROM THE FRENCH
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POSTS IN HANOI AND HO CHI MINH CITY. HE HAS ALSO
RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO VIETNAM, AND THUS
MUST BE CONSIDERED A WELL-INFORMED SOURCE.
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